

Minutes of MEANZ BGM 6th Jan 2018.

Held at South Island Convention, Nelson club grounds in the Marquee starting at 9.20 am.

Members present and Apologies

- see appendix 1.

Minutes of the previous meeting held at the Tauranga Convention 2016 were circulated earlier and copies were available at the meeting. They were taken as read.

Proposed by Dave Giles 2nd Graham Head by Passed

Matters Arising - None

President's Report circulated earlier and read by Richard Lockett.

Proposed by Nigel Gibbs, 2nd by Lester Watchorn-Passed

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South Island Report Was read by Rob Wilson

Proposed by Graham Head, 2nd by Dave Giles Passed.

North Island Report read by Bill Krippner. Proposed by Noel Wilson, 2nd by Sean Heenan Passed

Financial Report

Copies handed out at the meeting and had been circulated by email to clubs.

Proposed by Mike Orange to be accepted, 2nd by Paulette Morton. Passed.

Subscriptions

After discussion it was proposed keep subs to \$60

Proposed by Dave Giles and 2nd Tony Brown by to keep subs the same. Passed

Correspondence.

As tabled. A list was available at the meeting.

Worksafe letter from Stuart Write technical specialist (Worksafe NZ) as he was not able to come to this meeting that Richard Lockett read out. Review of Amusement Device Regulations. Question is the review going forward and what is the process for the Review.

Discussion under General Business.

MEANZ submission to Worksafe and Minutes from last meeting to be circulated.

MEANZ says nothing concrete to tell clubs as yet but when info is sent most clubs don't respond to communications that MEANZ sends out.

Future Conventions

2020 Hamilton expression of interest accepted. Proposed by Ray Martin 2nd by Noel Wilson Passed.

2022 Canterbury Society of Model and Experimental Engineers put forward an expression of interest.

New club- Te Aroha.

After discussion Richard Lockett proposed Te Aroha for membership provided that the constitution changes are approved by the companies office and MEANZ exec is happy with them and the club have a MEANZ audit. 2nd by John Heald Passed

Proposal to change constitution section 9. AUDITOR:

The Auditor shall be appointed by the Biennial General Meeting and shall examine and report on the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.

To be changed to

section 9 **Reviewer:** The **Reviewer** shall be appointed by the Biennial General Meeting and shall examine and report on the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.

And to change section 10 from a) Audited copies of the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet together with the biennial President's Report shall be forwarded to each financial member group twenty eight (28) days prior to the Biennial General Meeting.

To b) **Reviewed** copies of the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet together with the biennial President's Report shall be forwarded to each financial member group twenty eight (28) days prior to the Biennial General Meeting.

Richard Lockett proposed the change of constitution as written down Nigel Gibbs 2nd Passed

Election of Officers

South Island Rep

Rob Wilson proposed by Otago Miniature Road and Rail Society.

North Island rep

Bill Krippner proposed by ASME

Secretary

Heather Wilson proposed by Manakau Live Steamers

President.

Richard Lockett proposed by Havelock North L.S & Associates.

As there was no other nominations Dave Giles proposed the existing executive be rolled over. 2nd by Graham Head Passed.

Auditor/Reviewer appointment

Frank Stent an accountant Proposed by Dave Giles 2nd Graham Head passed.

Remits

1. **Cambridge moved that MEANZ Join the Amusement Device group to be the voice of the clubs to have our say 2nd by Nigel Gibbs Passed Discussion from this is in General business.**

2. **Remit from Manukau Live Steamers Inc. that they wanted things to remain status quo as to systems and processes of MEANZ etc. And with the reviews we do. Very happy with systems and procedures and Worksafe is very happy with what we have in place.90% of accidents with bouncy castles and MEANZ gives the least trouble. 2nd by Mana Ariki passed.**

General Business.

RL said all Executive are not putting their names forward at the next BGM so it's your problem now.

Grant Anderson

Reminded people we are all volunteers and said generally all people are very pleased you 4 head the organisation and the job you do recognising you are volunteers and have own clubs and activities. You help all clubs and MEANZ members and a vote of thanks for the work you do.

Discussion that followed remit 1.

Richard Lockett: ADR is 18 months out before a concrete proposal. This is the whole boiler/pressure equipment industry discussion of which we are one small part of this. Pressure equipment regulations review is also happening.

Peter George replied to this. With a change to Labour Government there have been changes in staff and philosophy in Worksafe. The Pressure Equipment, Cranes, and Passenger Ropeways) (**PECPR**) Regulations review has been put off for 3 to 4 years and amusement Device area needs sorted, related to a recent Brisbane incidence. Have had the lawyer come to talk to them recently saying 3 to 4 years before started.

Bill Krippner Miniature Railways in Australia are exempt from AD regulations in Australia but in NZ we are stuck under the NZ AD regulations so you cannot compare. all Codes are approved by Worksafe, and given exceptions where they think.

Peter George PECPR Rules are unique to NZ. Some key people have been made redundant since Labour came in as of 4 weeks ago and no longer with Worksafe so some have to restart.

Ian Welsh. Duplex Steel boilers in the regulations could circumvent the act to become certified boilers. They certified 2-and-a-half-inch copper boiler, then 5 inch and now some 7 ¼ large locos and others want to build duplex boilers. MEANZ have been sitting on hands, what have they done in last few years.

BK We have made representations to Worksafe Stuart Wright, He came to the last meeting and our only conduit to that piece of government.

Greg Burrows. Got to remember MEANZ are not the problem but the Govt are dragging the chain. There is a Process in place and if you want to build a duplex boiler you do the process and dead easy.

P.G. Understanding was Stuart was going to be here today to present the solution to duplex so the work that Richard and the MEANZ exec have done was excellent. Only found out last meeting I had with Stuart he wasn't coming. Talked to inspection bodies and Stuart Write and expected a solution today. Only told us a few days ago he was not coming. New management and changes and don't know answer why not, could be an about face at a higher level as he believed things had been resolved.

Richard L said Rob Wilson and himself have met once a year with Worksafe as a courtesy to keep communications flowing. There had been No new information to hand out.

All info MEANZ has had been sent out in Updates and nothing new.

R P 2 representatives attended in amusement device meetings and nothing has been sent around clubs about this.

RL.ADR Discussions with Worksafe have been to get an Industry Body set up. Executive hasn't made up mind which way to go but not happening as yet as only an idea what constitution may be or which way it is going for the new AD group.

Mike Orange said himself and Dave Gile have been to the AD group meetings and only arguments amongst themselves so far as to bouncy castles etc. and no decisions as yet.

Peter G. Amusement Device meeting group at inception have been held in Auckland so Mike O and Dave G have been attending as the meeting in was Auckland so Manukau club was invited. The AD group is deciding whether to have a North Island group and a South Island group or one National group. Want all AD people to do other groups in. After accident in Queensland the NZ Minister said to try to make a decision and this group to guide it whether to adopt Australian regulations which would cover them or do they write regulations for NZ. Group as a whole would like NZ regulations as we can't work under the Australian AD regulations rules at all. Have a code and ready to go and next 18 months will be discussions. We have been involved with auditing a number of amusement devices that are out there. Work that MEANZ does and us as a group are so far ahead of other groups. MEANZ systems are so far ahead of other AD groups. For us and our attendance it is very much sitting on the periphery at this stage. Bulk of groups attending the meetings are bouncy castle business's.

Cambridge club. Letter to Richard Steel to the clubs and did all clubs receive letters from Worksafe?

PG looking at top of North Island to start with but not sure. They then decided to get more numbers. Bulk of people involved are mum and dad with bouncy castles and not going to travel a lot. Started group some time ago and trying to build numbers up.

RL I Attended the last meeting and we were asked to put a submission in by Richard Steel so MEANZ has put a submission into Worksafe. Worksafe haven't maintained an up to date data base of amusement devices are, so many letters they sent to MEANZ clubs and others were returned and probably 50-75 % bounced. Heather circulated the Worksafe letter to all clubs and Worksafe apologised for being so

unorganised. Richard will be attending all future meetings as in a critical stage with this.

RP Is there any opportunity to disassociate ourselves from ADR formally commercially or legally.

PG has to go through process to see if there is a window of opportunity

We are part of the ADR until put out of this system so need to participate in the meeting and get ourselves written out.

BK Government needs to write ourselves an exemption. Need to wait for AD review board to appoint policy makers to write policy who we then make submissions to. It is a discussion at present and RS says from an operating point of view that our policies and procedures are far ahead of other groups in the ADR industry. MEANZ clubs are leading the way in trying to make a safe operation for the public. We have to sit on side-lines as can't tell govt. what to do. They want to change something but we do not know what as yet.

P.G. There is opportunity as asking groups for input so as long as physically there to give input we can start coaching and steering in the way we want the Govt to go.

BK Amusement Device review board appointment policy makers to write policy.

Richard Steel has said MEANZ clubs are leading the way for others.

PG Government are making up their minds. Opportunity for asking groups to give input. Bungy jump operators, Bouncy castle operators etc. are not interested in what we do. Ultimately it is the Policy Makers and the worst case is to adopt the Australian Codes as much stricter than what we operate under now.

RP Dissemination of clear information is needed and even if shows no change we would like to know.

RL In the process of an review it is really early days and my stance is to educate those guys as to who we are and what we do and our submission was partly to educate Worksafe. Information I got out of the meeting is it will be at least 6 months of discussions before any action on the way forward as to what regulations may be and not a lot to say at this stage.

BK Back in November Heather and I went through old archives to see what to keep. When MEANZ first got started the drive was to make us exempt of the ADR and I can show you correspondence of month after month were MEANZ were writing to the minister asking for exemption. MEANZ should be made exempt from ADR as doesn't work for us. Australia has had exemption for a long time and we had been ignored. The best we got was when Colin Burliegh and team got policy makers make minor edits to give us ability to comply with Colin sitting in Wellington.

Have any of the other clubs been invited to these meetings. They all were but Manukau was only club that went. What if other clubs wanted to come along? More people at meeting more stuff could change.

RL If we have 29 clubs rocked up we would be the AD Device owners association outright and steam roll the whole thing.

We are stuck with the law. MEANZ has made representation to Stuart Write who is the only conduit to Worksafe. Stuck with present rules till Worksafe changes them
P G If this goes through the remit today are we happy for said official person should send to clubs minute of each meeting. Then the info would be there. MEANZ are not there as representative till agreed on today.

BK MEANZ were not invited because as a group we are not a registered of an amusement device. The Government does not recognise MEANZ as an amusement device. They will fall back to who is registered. Mike Orange went from Manukau and

if anything came out we needed to be able to tell the clubs. Lot of infighting at the meetings.

Most significant group is yet to attend which is the IPENZ engineers and they all have a lot to say on the subject and a lot of conflict.

Under IPENZ industry the Inspectors review and undertakes evidence for all other AD and they would like self-certification for MEANZ clubs to be wiped. They think we are a problem though we demonstrate we carry people safety and have most robust systems. Professional engineers are not in a position where they do not agree we should be self-certified.

RL should have overview position under IPENZ engineers under our process. If any clubs have IPENZ registered engineers in their club RL wants to know about it and it is our safety net.

RL MEANZ not invited to first meeting as not registered amusement Device. IPENZ engineers not attending as not invited as yet. They are an independent body.

Nigel Gibbs proposed to copy any reports from meetings and circulate around clubs and anything sent to Worksafe etc.

Official Worksafe MEANZ submission, Manukau submission plus reports from 2 meetings to be sent out.

Chris Morton. General tone seems to be that MEANZ is not telling clubs all that is going on. There is nothing to tell clubs so maybe the message should be no news.

However, I am going to have a bitch on behalf of the exec as most clubs don't respond to communication from MEANZ or other clubs. Majority of clubs have no right to complain if not communicating with MEANZ themselves.

Heather Wilson Heather asked if clubs give changed email addresses as some clubs were not getting communications because of failure to supply this basic information.

Russel Prout on behalf of the Tauranga MME Club asked several questions.

Russel Prout asked if the executive does currently or will in the future support any clubs in the use of Duplex and if anyone gets on board with Duplex will they count on their support?

Richard Lockett replied "We support the use of Duplex as long as they are run within the regulations we all have to work to."

RP Worksafe presented us with the letter today but do you understand that Worksafe also support the use of Duplex in our miniature hobby.

RL: As long as it complies with the pressure equipment regulations.

RP: so there is no likelihood it will be thrown out as long as it complies.

PG We won't know that. Stuart Write has been a huge support over the last 2 years but what's happened we don't know. He has no support network

RP. Who pushes Stuart, no person stands alone.

PG He now reports to a new Manager who started 2 weeks ago. He doesn't get all information.

RP so one or two people know this information and brings us back to the situation of lack of communication. If we don't get the information we are not being well informed.

Richard Lockett: You have to appreciate that Peter George is in a privileged position with his company and his position dealing with Worksafe at a high level all the time as an individual. Totally separate from this group. That's his job. We are very fortunate to have him for advice and information and things are happening that we don't know about.

That is a totally informal relationship in the pressure vessel world. Don't get the two mixed up. This is not MEANZ.

RP A club recently failed an audit and if so is it possible for other clubs to get the findings of that so they too can build and grow the organisation safely.

RL MEANZ exec. Does not have a great deal to do with the auditing process and if there is serious problem Dave or Rob will say in confidence. Quite often clubs fail audits and often have to do remedial work until they reach the standard and then pass. Its tomorrows auditors meeting that will discuss this.

Noel Wilson: All clubs have the information as sent out. People aren't reading the rules on duplex or how to proceed with how to build duplex boilers. Anyone can build a Duplex boiler the way John did and they need to follow the process as outlined and there is no reason why it can't happen. The problem is they won't certify duplex boilers that have already been built. The changes with auditing is you used to be able to pass everything., Now the change is anything in the audit that is not current up to standard you fail till that audit. Some of it is quite minor.

PG Putting my commercial hat on it doesn't matter if we are looking at a duplex boiler, steel or copper boiler. People who are involved with these things want to move forward and then they need to achieve transparency. With information given. Need to be open and honest and share information Its all in the code, it's not rocket science that people are not sharing everything fully and honestly information. When I am dealing with anything commercial I walk away from 99% of it because there is no honesty and transparency. If you want to get there and make it work. If you want the MEANZ exec to push it it is up to us to put the information to make it work. Share the information. What was done, how is it done, and again be honest about it and it will go a lot easier.

Phillip Drummond. MEANZ exec has not been transparent about this Duplex issue. Its 7 years now and nothing's happened

BK Every piece of info that has been given through MEANZ has been given to Stuart . Every piece, Every document that John Heald has provided, all the certification information out of Australia. WE don't stop it, we don't sit here and have a meeting to decide what's appropriate or we will edit this. Every piece of information that you as clubs have given to us we have acted as your conduit not as your referee

to the government. So I can actually say in two years you have given us nothing further to take to the government however we expected Stuart to come forward today and we can't speak on his behalf as only got an email at the last minute. We are as surprised as you are that there is nothing and as Peter said there is a change of Government and a massive change. That is all we can relate as we haven't had the possibility to reply back to Stuart to give us more information as he is on holiday. We have done all we can do. If you give us more we can do more.

Philip D Its 7 years and we still have got nowhere.

BK MEANZ is not the regulator.

Heather Wilson

I am ringing Stuart constantly and being in touch and nothing is happening at this stage. I have cell phoned and emailed several times to get that piece of paper presented today. Stuart apologises for not being here today and I have been ringing asking what is happening with Duplex and I don't know why he hasn't attended either. There is a review in regulations and with the Govt changing Worksafe are looking to new rules and has staff changes. We have to have patient. MEANZ is not the regulatory body Worksafe is. I have had a few people saying to me that Worksafe is not able to do anything with clubs but you need to know in the last few years they have closed down several clubs for a time. We have had to mediate to help get them up and running again. Worksafe do have power and the regulations are what we have to work with at this time.

Closed 10.45

Appendix –

1. Representatives & Attendance
2. Apologies, Jock Miller. Peter MacDonald-Jones, Derek Townsend, Alan Miller

MEANZ Representatives.

Albany	Sean Heenan
Ashburton-----	
Auckland Society of ME	Grant Anderson
Cambridge ME Society	John Heald
Canterbury SMEE	Graeme Chisnall.
Christchurch LS	Ken Sullivan
Cross Creek Railway Society-----	
Eastern Bay of Plenty ME Soc-	John Lawson
Experimental and ME	Keith Betts
Gore Model Engineering Soc	Graham Head
Hamilton ME	Ray Martin
Havelock North LS and Associates	Ian McKay
Hawkes Bay MES	Mark Stack
Hutt Valley ME	Peter Anderson.
Kapiti Miniature Railway and ME Soc.	Tony Brown.

Maidstone ME -----
Mana Ariki Railway Dave Giles
Manukau Live Steamers Iain Twentyman
Marlborough Ass Modellers Soc. Brent Coburn-----
Nelson Society of Modellers. Nigel Gibbs
New Plymouth Soc of Model and Exp. Eng. Lester Watchorn
Otago miniature Road and Rail Noel Wilson
Palmerston North ME club Chris Morton
Picton Society ME Graham Low
South Canterbury Soc of ME Trevor Kissell
Southland S.M.E -----
Tauranga Model Marine and Eng club. Russell Prout
Thames Small Gauge Railway Soc Tony Smith.
Otago MES-----James Woods
Whangarei ME Club.

Others present

Murray Bold, Rob Wilson, Richard Lockett, Heather Wilson, Wendy Krippner, Bill Krippner, Ian Welsh, Rex Toms, Phillip Drummond, Michael Rietvebl, Peter George, Robert Patterson, Tony Brown, Paulette Morton, Chris Morton, Colin Nicholson, Greg Burrows, Bob Wines, Graham Leabourn, Ian Mckay, Roger Lund, Graham Low, Barry Glover (AALS Visitor), Rex Toms, Allan Familton, Peter Van Grinsven, Cynthia Cooper, Mike Orange, Harvey Dart (Australia), Tony Winter, Plus 5 more.